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Calm before the storm: Changing leaves on campus announce the beginning of Laurentian's fall reading week - and midterm season.

LU Coffee Club serves up controversy



Alex Taylor
Editor-in-Chief

Students looking for an alternative to Aramark products have a new option - The Laurentian Coffee Club. Housed in the games room in the student centre, the Coffee Club provides fresh organic coffee 5 days a week. Add in the recyclable coffee cups and you've got a fantastic way to encourage diversity of the market while spending time with friends.

Always ready with at least two different varieties of delicious java, the Coffee Club was started as a way to provide students with more environmentally and ethically friendly choices than the generic options at Tim Hortons or Aramark. Provided by Old Rock, the coffee options are all organic and fair trade, coming from countries as diverse as Ethiopia and Tanzania.

To get around the monopoly held by Aramark over food services on campus, the Coffee Club offers memberships rather than sales. The purchase of a \$5 or \$10 card earns you access to the club, which holds meetings from 10am to 4pm every day of the week. During these meetings, card-carrying members are encouraged to take advantage of their club benefits and enjoy the delicious organic coffee provided.

This initiative by the SGA and AEF hasn't been without controversy. A number of meetings and phone calls have occurred over the past month, with Aramark administration expressing their discontent with the service being provided. Every cup of coffee served to a Coffee Club member is of course a loss for Aramark and Tim Hortons. Although challenged that the Coffee Club violates the

monopoly held over the campus by Aramark, student union presidents Sébastien Perth and Daniel Mayer have been vocal that the club is simply providing a service to their members - cups of coffee are not being sold to anyone.

Further support for the coffee club came in mid October when the health unit visited the café to have a look at the setup and ensure that things were sanitary and well maintained. The student working in the games room at the time said that the visitors were helpful and made recommendations about sustaining the club.

Later that day, the student centre Tim Hortons was closed indefinitely due to a hot water problem - It has since been reopened but there is no doubt that their loss was the coffee club's gain, and membership continues to grow every day.

Questioned about why he

felt that the coffee club had become such a success, SGA president Sébastien Perth stated: "I think students were just tired of talking and complaining and nothing was happening. The coffee club offers them something new: choice. The fact that it is student run appeals to a lot of people as well - add to that the fair trade and organic coffee, and that spells a winner."

The Laurentian Coffee Club is not the first time that food services giant Aramark has been criticized for its campus practices. Protests have been staged at a number of campuses across North America, including a large-scale boycott at MIT in Boston. Phone calls to other Canadian university newspapers have all shared similar sentiments - Students are waiting, sometimes impatiently, for Aramark contracts to expire so that student-based clubs and coffeehouses are

no longer overpowered by the Aramark monopoly. Many students have expressed that the food services control here at Laurentian has become problematic for clubs trying to host events - groups are often restricted from even giving away food for free, due to the fact that this might in some way interfere with the profits of the Aramark controlled food services on campus. When this issue came up at Trent University in Peterborough, students were told that the regulations were in place to ensure that food safety remains diligent, but many students there remained unconvinced.

Keep an eye out for future issues of Lambda and L'Original Déchainé as we investigate these issues further. One thing is certain: The Laurentian Coffee Club has provided students with a choice here on campus, and that should never be taken away.

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Han shot first.

Tin cans with wings make the best reading rooms



Alex Taylor
Editor-in-Chief

Happy Halloween! Happy autumn! Happy midterms! Happy one month until exams! This is usually the week that people start saying things like "I can't believe how fast the last two months went by!" and more commonly "oh my god, all my assignments for the semester are due in the next two weeks..."

I feel your pain. Somehow, running and publishing a newspaper sort of screws up your time management skills, who knew? Okay, that's a total lie. No, I mean, it does screw it up, but I didn't have any time management skills to begin with, so...

Great time this weekend at SuperPub in the Great Hall. Being friends with a large number of groups is a positive for many reasons - one being.. uh.. having a lot of friends. Another one being that if you're out somewhere and aren't feeling comfortable, you can leave with the excuse that you made plans to hang out with other people too. I might have just alienated every single person I've ever met, but it's true!

My to-do list this week has pretty much been 'finish the paper' and 'pack for Korea'. Yeahhh, I'm going to South Korea. Visiting a friend who's

teaching english over there, and scoping out the scene to decide whether I can do the same thing once I'm done this degree.

If I'm ever done this degree.

This is the first time I've ever gone somewhere on reading week, so it's exciting for me because traveling anywhere is amazing. I'm also insanely excited about the plane ride there and back. I know what you're thinking - 14+ hours in a tin can with wings isn't fun for anyone, and you're completely right, it's going to be terrible. However, I get to spend 14+ hours in a tin can reading books. BOOKS! NON SCHOOL RELATED BOOKS! My profs might be reading this thinking "hey Alex remember that essay that's due the week you get back?" and I'm aware that I *should* be using those hours and hours to do homework, but... no. Not happening. I haven't read a work of fiction since the summer, and I am taking advantage of this time off. So there.

The election, how could I forget about the election. The Political Science Association hosted a fantastic party in the games room on October 10th so we could all watch the election results while gloating over games of pool and eating junk food. Possibly my perfect evening in a nutshell? I think so. The election went as well/terribly

as I expected it to, although I'll admit that I didn't see the Liberals doing as well as they did. I really think that John Tory basically destroyed his entire existence as a politician with his funding-for-religious-schools idea. I respect the fact that he's a Conservative and that his heart, if it exists, was in the right place, but come on. Come onnnnn. Hey, check out the last 100 years of education reform in Canada! What's that... what's that word again? Oh yeah. Progress. Something tells me that Ontario voters weren't interested in moving backwards. Silly John Tory.

MMP, as predicted, failed miserably. Although I was opposed to it, I wanted to clarify that I'm not opposed to election reform in general. I just think that if we're going to overhaul our entire electoral system, it's got to be with a better system than MMP.

Plus, hey Elections Ontario, I dig you guys because you make fun posters that look good printed in this paper, but ... no one even knew about the referendum. Polling stations were reporting that people were showing up to vote and didn't even know that there was a referendum, nevermind what the issues were. I know that Ontario is a big province, and I know that using the media to promote something is a pain in the ass, but... you fail.

I'll wrap this up by talking about something actually relevant

to the newspaper! All our new editors have written their little editorial introductions this issue, so check them out and get in touch with them if you have any suggestions about topics. Even better, send something in! Imagine how impressed people will be if you put your published article up on your fridge. You'll be famous. Famous and lusted after by people everywhere. Imagine the possibilities.

Check out the paper for all the events and meetings going on in the next couple of weeks. Something for everyone! And have fun and be safe on Halloween, no matter what you're doing!

Leaving on a jet plane,
-Alex



Wes McDonald
Assistant Editor

Greetings Lambda patrons! My name is Wesley McDonald, Wes if you see me around campus, and I am the new Assistant Editor of the Lambda! I had a number of reasons for pursuing this position, but the most prevalent I think was to learn; to learn how to be a responsible authority in media and I make no mistake in believing the Lambda is not a backwater publication and deserves all the respect and energy a professional publication is due. I intend to make myself a source of those things while I work for your newspaper. I will respect the responsibility of my new position and meet every challenge with as much energy as I can muster, so reads my promise to the readers.

I am an undergrad student here at LU, working on my third year of the English Rhetoric and Media Studies program. I enjoy language for a number of different reasons, for its artistic potential as well as political aspects. I'm a fan of contemporary poetry, "good" science fiction and authors such as Ayn Rand and Tom Wolfe. I also admire the power of language - its ability to exact change, to inform and to expose truth. While these may be some fairly high and mighty ideals for a lowly assistant editor to hold dear, hold them dear I do and I'm confident they will serve well in the coming issues.

I am also completing a minor in Biology to prop open some doors and to pursue another area of personal interest at the same time; evolutionary biology specifically. Among these academic pursuits I harbour a recreational interest in philosophy, which is more a result of classical rhetoric studies than anything else and is the likeliest reason for the "high and mighty" ideals I mentioned.

Music is also a central part of my private life being a self-taught, still learning bassist and retired violinist. I come from a small town, more accurately a fourth generation family farm nearby a small town in Southwestern Ontario, a lengthy drive from Sudbury and my new home. I call it my home because over the last two years that is exactly what it's become and I am grateful for that and try not to take it for granted. I am also grateful that I now have the opportunity to serve the Laurentian community, to inform it, exact some change and hopefully expose some truth if indeed this wonderful place has anything to hide.

Response to Editorial in October 11th issue

SGA Pres encourages students to discuss issues with student unions

On the subject of MMP. There's a few points I'd like to make clear.

The SGA never endorsed MMP, there was no vote at the board level, in fact, no motion was presented calling for the SGA to support MMP or first past the post. As for why CFS listed the SGA on their web-site, I was not aware of this myself. So I looked into it and the reasoning I was given was that since we didn't ask to be off that list... they put us on. Not cool.

As for "holding hands" with the CFS, there's a lot of things the SGA does that actually goes against what CFS "recommends". For instance We don't buy into the health plan, or their handbook service. Mainly because we have better deals elsewhere. But some campaigns that have been shot down at CFS have been supported here at the SGA, such as the "Flick Off" campaign, promoting

energy conservation.

For the record, the main reason CFS delegates voted against it was because a few big name corporate companies are attached to this campaign. We felt that every little bit helps, and supporting the campaign does not mean we'll start flying on Virgin Atlantic anytime soon...

Back to MMP. The group that was most vocal about MMP on campus was the Education Action Coalition, Lets not kid ourselves, this group was mostly made up of people from the SGA and AEF. The group was created to set up events on campus, such as the debates... which bombed, and the town-hall meeting. It just happened that this same group of people supported MMP. There was nothing stopping anyone else, a group, an individual, whatever, from having a "vote no on MMP" campaign. No one at the SGA was approached about

this, and even the people who had issues with the SGA "supporting" MMP never talked to us about it. No one came to a board meeting demanding to know if and why the SGA was supporting MMP.

Seriously, there is nothing I would love more than for someone to come to an SGA board meeting and start a discussion, if you don't agree with what we are doing, or if someone wants to know why we're doing something, please, come to the board meetings and let's get a discussion going. Or at the very least, come in the office and let's talk. I don't pretend to be right all the time, and if anyone disagrees with me, I love to hear their point of view.

Sébastien Perth

p.s. election reform will live!

"Do you consider yourself narcissistic?"



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Huntington University proudly presents Dr. Edward Conroy as its new Chancellor

The Huntington University Board of Regents is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Edward (Ted) Conroy as the new university Chancellor, effective September 2007. Dr. Conroy will be formally invested at the University's convocation November 8, 2007. He will replace the Rev. Dr. Murray Arnill, who recently accepted the position as University Chaplain.

"We are delighted to have Ted to our family of students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends, here at Huntington," says Mr. Jim Young, Chair of the Huntington University Board of Regents.

Speaking of the new Chancellor, Dr. Kevin McCormick, President and CEO of Huntington University notes: "Dr. Conroy is truly an inspirational community leader who continues to have a profound impact on local, national and international levels. Dr. Conroy is well equipped to build on the strengths of the past and create a strong and solid foundation for

the future of this institution."

With a wealth of experience and extensive community interest, Mr. Conroy comes to his most recent position after previously serving as member of Huntington University's Board of Regents. In addition to working as senior counsel in Conroy Trebb Scott Hurtubise LLP firm in Sudbury, Ted currently holds the appointed title of adjunct Professor in the Department of Forensic Science at Laurentian University. In 1994, he was awarded the Honourary Degree Doctor of Sacred Letters on behalf of Huntington University for his role as one of the original 12 founders of Huntington University. As Chancellor, Ted Conroy will be the ceremonial head of Huntington and will serve as a source of inspiration and wise counsel to the institution.

Please join the Huntington University in welcoming Dr. Conroy as its third Chancellor.



Contributed

Jim Young, Chair of the Huntington University Board of Regents, Edward (Ted) Conroy, Chancellor of Huntington University with Dr. Kevin McCormick, President of Huntington University.

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Chair Young is looking forward to the role the new Chaplain will play as part of the university. He says: "the Rev. Dr. Murray Arnill has been a pillar of support to Huntington University throughout the years, and was to us an obvious choice for the position of Chaplain."

President McCormick noted that "Dr. Arnill brings to the position a passion for Huntington that is unmatched and a spirit that will enrich all members of our great community"

Dr. Arnill, who came to Huntington during its inception, announced he would step down at the end of his term as Chancellor after many years of service. From the very beginning, Murray has made an incredible contribution to the life and spirit of Huntington University as well as the Manitou Conference of the United Church of Canada. He served as a member of the first graduating class of 1963 and years later joined the Huntington Board of Regents. He was promoted to his former position as Chancellor in 2006 and most recently as director of the university's interfaith chaplaincy program.

Please join the Huntington University in welcoming Dr. Murray Arnill as its first University Chaplain.

Minister of Health announces \$1.2 million investment in Greater Sudbury and Nickel Belt

Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Health and Minister for FedNor, underlined the commitment of Canada's New Government to Northern Ontario today by announcing an \$10.6M investment in support of 78 economic development projects benefiting hundreds of communities located throughout the North. Minister Clement announced the funding, provided by FedNor's two main programs – Northern Ontario Development and Community Futures – during a visit to North Bay on October 12th.

"Today's announcement supports Canada's New Government's efforts to promote the economic well-being of the businesses and residents of Greater Sudbury, Nickel Belt, and all of Northern Ontario," stated Minister Clement. "Investing in projects promoting tourism, technology, education, youth and small business initiatives will help create jobs and diversify the economy of the region."

Of the total, more than \$1.2M is earmarked for the Greater Sudbury and Nickel Belt region, including support to expand the Greater Sudbury Airport, funding to deliver business development and support services, and various investments that support youth as well as community and economic development initiatives.

Also included as part of overall funding announcement, \$450,000 will support the Ontario WoodWORKS! program, a pan-northern project spearheaded by the Canadian Wood Council.

Today's announcement supports FedNor's strategic approach of helping Northern communities transition to a knowledge-based economy. More specifically, FedNor is meeting key Northern priorities, including: helping young graduates find full-time employment through FedNor's Youth Internship Program; ensuring that Northern communities have access to broadband so that resi-



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dents can take advantage of the latest e-learning and tele-health initiatives; providing access to capital and advice for small busi-

ness owners and entrepreneurs; and developing an innovation capacity for medical and resource-based research.

FedNor funding will support:

- Σ Greater Sudbury Airport (\$450,000)
- support the expansion of Commercial airside lots at the Sudbury airport
- Σ CCEDNet (\$108,061)
- develop programs and activities that support peer learning and networking among Community Economic Development (CED) practitioners in Northern Ontario
- Σ Mining Innovation, Rehabilitation and Applied Research Corp. (\$89,100)
- deliver business development and support services
- Σ Salvation Army Sudbury Centre (\$29,565)
- conduct a feasibility study and a technical analysis to support a new shelter
- Σ Sudbury-Nipissing Rail To Trail Association (\$15,000)
- develop a Business Plan for the long term sustainability of a community connecting corridor on the abandoned CN rail line between North Bay and Greater Sudbury
- Σ Acfo Du Grand Sudbury Inc. (\$14,037)
- develop a Business Plan to establish a francophone bookstore
- Σ Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival (\$5,000)
- develop a 5-year Strategic Plan for the continued growth, long term sustainability and succession planning
- Σ Sudbury and Manitoulin Workforce Partnership Board (\$4,000)
- support female students attending the Women of the Future seminar
- Σ Université du triosieme age de Sudbury (\$3,000)
- introduce older adult learning opportunities to franco Ontarians

Deliberations of Laurentian University's Board of Governors

At the Board of Governors' regular meeting held on Friday, October 19, 2007, president Judith Woodsworth reported on recent activities and accomplishments at Laurentian University.

She gave an overview of preliminary enrolment statistics for the current academic year. With the graduation of the "double cohort," it is estimated that overall numbers will decline somewhat compared the 2006-07 record of 9,100 students. On the other hand, full-time and part-time graduate students have increased by over 20% and the intake of first-year, full-time undergraduate students is up. In addition, Laurentian attracted more international first-year stu-

dents.

"Our university's student population remains healthy which means our recruiting efforts are paying off," said Dr. Woodsworth. "More high school graduates are choosing Laurentian to start their university experience and our ability to offer more graduate programs is attracting students to northern Ontario and keeping them here. This is very promising for years to come."

At the same meeting, the Board adopted a new Policy on a Respectful Workplace and Learning Environment. This policy will replace the former Laurentian Harassment policy. Developed in consultation with

student, faculty, staff and union representatives, it will foster a working and learning environment that is free of discrimination and harassment; protect the health, safety and security of the university community; and outline rights, responsibilities and types of behavior that fall within the scope of the policy, along with procedures for handling and resolving complaints.

Louis Tanguay was elected to the Board of governors for a one-year term, filling a vacancy created upon the resignation of Mariette Carrier-Fraser in June 2007. Mr. Tanguay has been involved in education, cultural and economic development locally and provincially. He

established the Centre de PNL de Sudbury in 1998 and leads workshops for teachers, community groups, businesses and parents.

A presentation was made to the Board regarding security measures affecting Ontario universities, including Laurentian. A team with broad representation across all areas of campus has been established to review the current security policies and ensure that the university has the best possible security services and emergency response procedures.

Reference:

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Islam 101

Mustafa Abdulhusein

This is my first year at Laurentian, but my third year of my Bachelor of Science degree, after finishing two years at York. I've always wanted to write for a school newspaper, and I would like to thank the good people at Lambda for allowing me this opportunity.

What I am going to write about today? Well, I thought that as this is my first 'shtick' at writing for a newspaper, I would talk about something that I feel passionately about and that I know a fair deal about (thus saving me the time of looking for references- I'm not going to lie). Therefore, today, I would like to tell you a little bit about my religion. I feel that it is a quite a topical subject and obviously has received its fair bit of media attention recently. Let me say right off the bat that my aim for this article is simply to inform.

I am a Muslim. Specifically, I am a Shia. More specifically, I belong to a smaller sect of Shia muslims called Dawoodi Bohra. Each sect in Islam has different sets of guidelines or viewpoints or ways of expressing their faith and to be honest, getting into all these differences would take more than one issue of Lambda, rest assured! Instead, let me give you a quick overview of some of the things that most Muslims agree upon.

There are five basic foundations or guidelines to the religion. There is Prayer, Zakaat (charity), Hajj (the great pilgrimage to

Mecca), Jihaad, and Fasting. Again, getting into these individually would require a lengthy discussion- in perhaps later articles to come. Not too worry though, I have a plan! The Holy Month of Ramadhan has just passed so to wrap up this article, I would like to say a few words on this month of fasting.

The Islamic calendar is currently in its 1428th year, having begun when the Prophet Mohammed (SAW) migrated from Mecca to Medina. Migration is called Hijrah in Arabic, thus the calendar is called the Hijri calendar. The Islamic calendar has twelve months, just as in the Gregorian calendar. However, unlike the Gregorian calendar, the Hijri calendar is based on the movements of the moon, (a lunar cycle) rather than the sun. Thus, it results in the Islamic calendar actually being 11 days shorter than its Gregorian counterpart. To put that into context, each year, the Islamic lunar calendar moves forward 'on' the Gregorian solar calendar by 11 days. Muslims fast for the 30 days of the 9th month of the Hijri calendar, known either as Ramadhan or 'Shehrullah' (the Month of God).

Many may have the misconception that we fast continuously for 30 days. If you have any sense of how hard it is to go without water for two days, then 30 days would be quite nearly fatal! Evidently, that's not how we fast. Fasting is from sun rise to sunset. We wake up an hour and a half before sunrise and have breakfast at that time (I personally usually

had two bowls of Frosted Flakes and two glasses of milk with white chocolate macadamia nut cookies). Then, after sunset, we complete our evening prayers and then 'break' the fast. Traditionally this is done with either milk or tea and eating of dates, which are dark-coloured oval fruit that have a sweet flesh and a hard narrow seed.

Contrary to common belief, after breaking the fast we don't go and eat like crazy. My stomach can only hold so much at once- even if I haven't eaten all day. So we usually have a regular dinner. This cycle of waking up early to eat and then not having anything to eat or drink (including water) all day happens for 30 days. At the end of the 30 days, we celebrate Eid which is a very joyous occasion marked by family and friend get-togethers and many specialty dishes are prepared for this occasion. The usual question that I receive is if fasting is hard. For me, it's not that difficult, simply because I've been raised in a Muslim home. However, I've only ever done them when the Holy Month has been during the winter months- so the days have been shorter. Now though, the days are getting longer as the Hijri calendar moves into the summer. I might have to move up to three bowls of Frosted Flakes.

I feel that the Holy Month's goal is not one that is aimed at hardship. Rather it teaches tolerance, patience and allows us to appreciate the usual day to day sustenance that we all take for granted.

Dr. Ernie Checkeris' history in education adds to the riches of Laurentian's archives

Laurentian University this week accepted the fonds of Dr. Ernie Checkeris, who served for 55 years as a school board trustee in Sudbury.

"The Checkeris papers are important because they offer, in one place, a variety of published and unpublished items (and assorted ephemera) that are difficult or impossible to find in other settings," said George Sheppard, associate professor, School of Education, and member of the Laurentian University archives committee. "They are crucial to anyone interested in the evolution of education in the north," noted John Lundy, director of the School of Education (English).

The fonds includes items such as disputes over school closures and class sizes, French-language schools, and teacher pay scales in the Sudbury area, and discussions of province-wide issues, teachers' strikes, extension of full-funding to Catholic schools, opposition to the creation of a College of Teachers, and controversial government policies dealing with multiculturalism and racism.

Ernie Checkeris' life has been about service, on the local, provincial and national stages. Born in Toronto to Greek refugees, Checkeris served in the Royal Canadian Navy during the Second

World War. He moved to northern Ontario and began his career as a school trustee in 1945 with the public school section of the unorganized township of Dryden. He served as a school trustee for 55 years before his retirement in 2000.

Ernie Checkeris is a life member of the Ontario Public School Boards' and the Canadian School Boards' associations. He was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for Sudbury in 2003, and the Premier's Community Builders Award of Excellence Education Category in 2004. He was also part of the team that led the restructuring and amalgamation of eight communities into the City of Greater Sudbury. He has an honorary doctorate of canon law from Thorneoloe University.

Ernie Checkeris and his wife Muriel McLeod are active artists and share a studio and showroom on Long Lake known as Teen Tree Pah Pottery. His clay work of unique pots, mugs and wall tiles reflect his zest for life, Greek theatre, First Nations' and global influences.

For more information, please contact Dr. John Lundy at (705) 675-1151, ext. 4287 or by email at jlundy@laurentian.ca.



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Where do we go from here?

Laurentian Alum reflects on his final days of undergrad

I received my laminated Laurentian University alumni card the other day and started to think about the responsibilities that came with it...other than avoiding donation telemarketers for the rest of my life. As an average student and an above average pub attendee, it was clear that I would not be leaving behind a storied legacy. Regardless, I still believed that I could make difference by passing on some knowledge to the many students that exist that I feel are just like me. In my final year of university new questions arose such as, 'where has the time gone?' and 'what am I doing with my life?' They began to replace more common questions like 'where's the booze?' and 'is there cover?' I started to panic.

Graduation day creeps up on you. You have put your career research off until the final year of school. The problem is that you are trying to finish honor level papers and maintain a certain average. Deadlines for papers seem easy when you're staring down one for your future. I sought out guidance and was given a number of options to choose from. It is crucial that the next decision you make is yours.

I needed to decide if I wanted to further my studies in History. Over the years, I had built a good relationship with many of my professors. I know I can only speak from my own experiences, but after living with students in almost every possible program, I think it is safe to say that the student-professor relationship at Laurentian is fairly strong. After a few sit downs with my advisor I realized that I was not destined to be a historian. It takes a certain passion and I envy those who continue on. It was clear that I was leaning in a different direction. I came to university to be a teacher and this was still my final goal.

A common misconception is

that getting into teacher's college is based on marks alone. It is important to try and get some in class experience right from the start. By the end of four years you will have racked up some serious hours. I understand it is difficult to volunteer on your own in Sudbury. The education program accounts for many of the available placements. Try to make some contacts in the summer or hit the pavement in early September before the placements are established. I was able to volunteer in May and June at my former high school in my hometown. It did not cut into my studies and was over before the summer even really started. Remember that these hours can make or break your application.

When I finally decided to look into Ontario Teacher's Colleges, I had already flaked on the deadlines. It made for some interesting conversation over the Christmas holidays when asked what I was with my life. I started to look at teacher's colleges in Australia. The problem is that they offer teaching certificates and not Bachelor's of Education. This is fine if you plan on teaching there. If you intend to come back to Ontario I can almost guarantee your resume is going to the bottom of the pile. Learning to surf and soaking up the sun is tempting, but you have to ask yourself if it's worth \$20 grand for a certificate. I began to think of the dreaded year off. This one year turns into five years. Next thing I know I have a mortgage and kids...but you can bet I show off my knowledge of United States presidential elections at every possible opportunity. These thoughts were starting to seriously affect my sleep. To avoid all of this I started looking at teaching jobs overseas.

This May I accepted a job at an elementary school in South Korea. If this interests you, I

suggest you research it as thoroughly as any other post-graduate option. Try to sign on with a recruiting company that has offices in Canada and the foreign country you wish to travel to. If a problem occurs, you are covered on all fronts. I chose to go with a company that made money off the school I work for and not me. There were no hidden application fees and the only thing I had to pay for before I left was a Korean work visa that was \$60.00.

My only regret is not having sent out teacher's college applications on time. I have now realized that you should not stress about narrowing down all of your options, it's when you have none at all that you should start to worry. Teaching may not be a lifetime career, but right now I am traveling, making money, obtaining career experience and most importantly not living in my parent's basement.

Cheers Laurentian,
Craig Waters

Laurentian University
Université Laurentienne



Community Meeting

Dr. Judith Woodsworth invites students, faculty and staff to a Community meeting

This session's agenda will include:

- ✓ Introduction of new faculty and staff present
- ✓ Update on Strategic Plan
- ✓ Update on enrolment projections for 2007-2008
- ✓ Space planning
- ✓ Questions from the audience

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

(lunch will be served)

Governors' Lounge

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John Robson is a columnist with the Ottawa Citizen, a broadcaster with News Talk Radio 580 CFRA in Ottawa, a host with iChannel television in Toronto and a Policy Analyst with Breakout Educational Network. He holds a B.A. and M.A. in history from the University of Toronto and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Texas at Austin. He has been a Legislative Assistant and Social Policy Researcher with the Reform Party of Canada, a Policy Analyst at the Fraser

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There will be prizes for the best jack-o-lantern, and the pumpkins will be displayed on Halloween in the bowling alley, and then the PUB, Halloween night!

Come and sign up for your pumpkin today in the SGA office!

Spinning Free with the Vinyl Cafe

Matt Moskal

Arts & Entertainment Editor

On October 14th, Stuart McLean and the Vinyl Café band made their triumphant return to a sold out Fraser Auditorium. This time around the charmingly clever host brought the company of chanteuse Terra Hazelton and legendary Canadian singer/songwriter Dan Hill onstage for a genuinely hilarious performance.

McLean started the evening off with a new story about Vinyl Café owner Dave and his misadventures with his wife Morley. Audience members were enthralled throughout the span of the tale as McLean himself couldn't let go of his own warm and inviting grin.

"I'm very privileged as a writer to be present at the moment of giving and receiving," admits McLean, "most writers don't get to be there."

The CBC veteran maintained a comfortable level of audience involvement throughout the evening, keeping the crowd both entertained and feeling like part of the performance. This, as stressed by McLean, creates a rewarding feeling all around.

"When you begin to collaborate with the audience," elaborates Stuart "it becomes a very invigorating experience for a writer."

Through short stories, reading of fan mail, and old time radio drama featuring sound effects man Ted Decker, invigoration hit audience members aging from 6 to their late 80s. Viewers came from all walks of

life, but shared the same passion for Stuart's wholesome sense of humour. This is credited as being deeply rooted to the ties that bind us together as Canadians, according to McLean.

"I think that we share the solutions," Stuart concludes "which I would put forward as being very creative solutions to the difficult problems of living together. We were dealt a lot of hard cards living together. We were given this narrow strip of this broad country and we were told 'Make a go of that.'"

Between Stuart's bits the alluring voices of Terra Hazelton and Dan Hill rung through the ears of the packed auditorium. While Dan's voice has been resonating in ears for decades, Hazelton has had limited exposure to the public eye. She is a regular at Jeff Healey's night club in Toronto, and has been singing most of her life. On tour she lends her powerful jazz vocals to set the mood for the evening, segueing portions of the performance with tour mate Hill.

The most rewarding musical moments of the evening came from Hill and Hazelton's rendition of Frank Loesser's "Baby, it's Cold Outside", and Hill's first single "Sometimes When We Touch", which both met to thunderous applause.

In the closing moments of the evening, Stuart joined the collective vocal efforts of his dynamic duo and touring band and wished all a good night. To this, his expectations remained: "I hope that the people will leave the theatre tonight feeling better than they did when they came."

It is more than likely that this is exactly what happened.



Broadcast time:

Tuesdays at 11:00 p.m. (11:30 NT) on CBC Radio One
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Sundays at 12:00 p.m. (12:30 NT) on CBC Radio One
United States Broadcast Information

The Vinyl Cafe is heard Saturday mornings on Radio Two and Sundays at brunch on Radio One. The show features music - both live and recorded - stories and the misadventures of Dave, the owner of the "Vinyl Cafe", the world's smallest record store, where the motto is "We may not be big, but we're small." The show also features Dave's wife, Morley, their two children, Sam and Stephanie and assorted friends and neighbours.

Pasta Point HUICS hosts all-you-can-eat pasta night



Matt Moskal

Arts & Entertainment Editor

The Laurentian Food Bank has just received a generous helping of donations.

On Monday October 15th, HUICS (Huntington University Communication Society) hosted its second annual pasta dinner at Respect Is Burning Supper Club. Having sold out last year, expectations were high as to whether or not previous efforts could be outdone.

This year the mafia themed event raised a total of \$666.00 for the LU Food Bank by nearly sell-

ing out the popular restaurant once again. Patrons enjoyed as many helpings of a standard Respect Is Burning spaghetti dish as they pleased as the warm inviting atmosphere provided an intimate dining experience.

While moderation was key in being able to get the most bang for one's buck in terms of pasta consumption, things were much different for this year's contestants going into the Pasta Eating Contest. The eight contestants going into the competition were given half an hour to devour as many piping hot plates of pasta as they could.

The battle was gruelling and

at times hard to watch. However, in the end it was the mysterious "Blingsworth" that walked away with the title achieved by the "Italian Stallion" last year. Contestants were all treated to prizes for their efforts and quite possibly the biggest case of indigestion of their lives.

It is arguable as to whether or not HUICS were able to outdo themselves in terms of attendance, however, there's no question that the pasta dinner was a success. Chances are good that the Respect Is Burning All-You-Can-Eat Pasta Dinners will have become of a trilogy by this time next year.

Making (out with) the band

Kimberley Station

The Capilano Courier

VANCOUVER (CUP) - Whether or not your room is covered in pictures, or their initials are carved (with a heart) into your desk, you're bound to have a musician crush.

I for one, spent many nights dreaming of sweet, tour-bus love with my favourite boy-band member all through my teens. So how do you make it happen? Just follow these simple steps.

Accentuate your assets. No nice way to say it, people: Big... appendages catch attention, especially in a crowd. May I suggest a padded bra to start? Or for our flatter friends, chicken cutlets, easily saran-wrapped and slipped into the front of the shirt. Men, a roll of quarters never hurts. Or, if you're feeling naughty, try a roll of twonies.

Next, you need to work on your "sexy" posture. Girls, leaning over with arms crossed in front is always your best bet. Jumping on the spot also encourages attention, especially with a wet T-Shirt. Boys, the classic "foot prop/half-lunge" accentuates all good things.

Make nice with the bouncer. The bouncer is the gate keeper to all things you desire, so you must create a relationship that will cause him to turn a blind eye as you sneak backstage. I've never seen a bouncer under 200 pounds, so I always opt for baked goods. 7-11s are quite prevalent in most areas, and snagging a bag of two-bite brownies will light the eyes and ignite the stomachs of the prickliest.

Another good tip is to have a stack of \$20 bills in your pocket if you need to do some quick apologizing or convincing. Plus, sometimes the bouncer has just eaten, and snacks won't cut it.

Create a connection. I remember when my aunt's sister's cousin's adopted cat's previous owner's daughter was the dentist for the promoter of a certain concert I was dying to attend.

A lot of the time the confusion — plus the fact that they are so swamped — will be your key to tickets for a sold-out show. If you raise unwanted curiosity, be sure to drop something along the lines of "Well, no, I'm sure they haven't talked in awhile... Aunt Tilly lost her memory in that tragic paragliding accident, after all..."

Awkwardness and sympathy kill pesky questions dead.

Location, location, location. I know it may be tough, but peace out of the concert a little early. Scamper around the venue to find the holy grail that is the tour bus, and make sure you're parked as close to the doors as possible.

This is a guaranteed "hit" spot for all artists after a show. Most artists want to celebrate (or forget) after a concert, so be sure to purchase a twixer of Jack Daniel's and an ounce of green to have on you at this point. Flash your "goodies" and you'll become their jackpot.

Know what you're up against. It may come as a bit of a surprise, but there are a million other people out there who think they love Lead Singer X the most. And chances are, there will be at least three of them at whatever show you're at. If they are less cool than you, they will be toting some sort of autograph book, and will be easy to spot. They will also likely be underage, as 16-year-old girls seem to be able to materialize at shows unbidden. Watch out for these girls. Like you, they love this band. Unlike you, they will resort to immature means of preventing others from getting between them and the band. Like biting you, just because you make eye contact with the drummer during their solo.

You're now equipped to go out there and seek out the artistic of your dreams. As fair warning, you will likely make an ass of yourself in the process. But if it all leads up to the sweet, sweet embrace of your axe-thrashing object of affection, isn't it worth it?

Blackie and the Rodeo Kings Return to Sudbury

Monday, November 19th, Sheridan Auditorium

In a fantastic turn of events, the Northern Lights Festival July concert that was called due to the impending electrical storm will happen after all. Blackie and The Rodeo Kings did not get to play the mainstage at Northern Lights, though a dedicated crowd of a thousand people waited patiently in the light rain.

During a swing through Ontario in November, B&RK will return to Sudbury to perform at the Sheridan Auditorium. Those who still have proof of purchase of their concert tickets from the summer can see this concert for a discounted price. Added to the bill will be the multiple Juno winning and nominees, Tri-Continental... another guitar trio consisting of Bill Bourne (Edmonton), Lester Quitau (Vancouver) and Madagascar Slim (Toronto).

Tickets will be available at all regular Northern Lights Festival Boreal ticket outlets on Friday, October 12th Black Cat Too, Records on Wheels, Jett Landry Music, Walden Home Hardware, Gloria's Convenience, A&J Home Hardware... as well as online at www.tix.com. More information about the artists and the concert can be found at www.nlfbsudbury.com. Call the festival office at 674-5512 for more details.

Doors will open at 7:30pm. The concert will begin at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$25.00 advance including tax. Tickets

will be \$32.00 at the door. Proof of purchase of tickets for the July 8th cancelled concert will be redeemed at the door and admission will be \$15.00 for those previous ticket holders.

Blackie and the Rodeo Kings
<http://www.rodeokings.com>

B.A.R.K. has had a remarkable career since last playing Northern Lights in 1996. They have released 5 albums, been nominated for many Juno awards... Stephen Fearing, Colin Linden and Tom Wilson have each also released several solo records... Linden helped the Bluegrass/ Roots music revival with his work surrounding the Oh Brother, Where Art Thou movie and tours... They've appeared on the Juno and the CCMA Award shows; toured with Merle Haggard, toured the U.S. with a top 15 Americana radio hit and sent 2 singles to top 30 at Rock Radio.

In 2006 the band went into the studio to record their fourth album. Added to the mix were Garth Hudson (the Band), Daniel Lanois, Pam Tillis, Malcolm Burn, Wayne Jackson and John Wotnot. The sessions were so creative and fun that they ended up recording 29 songs. As a result, Let's Frolic, was followed-up with Let's Frolic Again in 2007. In addition to headlining on Sunday night... the members will be around for the weekend, playing solo sets and joining in on workshops.

- Paul Loewenberg

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From the Grey Matter of Josh Buck



Josh Buck
Science & Tech

Hello everyone Time is just flying by now it seems, and it is hard to believe it has been two weeks already. One of the biggest things that happened in science was the conclusion of the Noble Prize ceremonies, and if you did not catch the winners you can read about them here. The big winner was Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for their work on man-made climate change. Now while it is true that mankind is polluting and using our natural resources at an amazing rate there is also some very interesting data that counters "global warming" some still maintain that the Earth is in a cooling cycle, and others still yet argue that the whole process is cyclical and that the Earth will rebound from this stage. One thing is for certain, with the work that these groups are doing, it is at least bringing the issue into public light so that there can be greater debate on the topic. We most likely cannot keep on this path of resource consumption forever and something has to give be it us or the planet. We have seen countries try and limit their own CO₂ but they will only do so if it will not hurt their own economic development; and really why should they? Why should one country alone put themselves at the risk of losing out when no one else will? And more to the point, I want to see the other side of the debate in the media. Ever since Al Gore's nice little movie we have hardly seen any of the opposing side. I seriously doubt that if someone made a movie about climate change that did not predict global Armageddon that they would also win a Golden Globe. With Al Gore and the IPCC winning this award it only encourages people to buy into the hype around global warming and that it must be true. The other side is the one I find most interesting. Especially when it has people like James Hansen of NASA—the father of greenhouse theory—and Richard Lindzen of MIT—the most renowned climatologist in the world—and these two believe that even if nothing is done to restrict greenhouse gases, the world will only see a global temperature increase of

about 1°C in the next 50-100 years; Whereas the IPCC gives predictions of 6°C over the next 100 years. This I find interesting who is right and how can we tell clearly on one side there may be a prediction at the highest end of the scale and one prediction at the lowest, even still we are being lead to a biased predication based upon which camp your research team is in. The problem again comes down to the media and what people like to watch. Armageddon sells, almost as well as sex. So when we get to see the Polar Ice caps melting and Canada becoming the new Caribbean we want to watch. No one wants to see the status quo remain in the media, it's far too boring. Well I know a few people in the area who would not mind winter being milder, heck it may even be good for the agriculture industry more than one growing season, citrus fruits, a whole new world of crops to grow right in our backyards. We would not have to import nearly as much from foreign countries, sounds alright to me. Well maybe that is going to far... or maybe it isn't. Everyone is concerned with the world we leave behind for future generations, but the ones before us didn't worry. The part of the Ontario I am from was almost completely covered in forest 150 years ago. Now we have cities and road, real infrastructure that allows our society to thrive. That turned out ok as far as I am concerned. So when I look to the future I do not see a black barren earth that my grandchildren cannot live on but one that may or may not have even more oceans on it. Water sustains all life they tell me, so why is more bad? Maybe I am just being ignorant or just cynical of the whole situation but for now I am content with sitting on the sidelines and seeing this one play out. I read that technology may allow me to live until I am 200 so maybe this will come back and bite me in the rear but maybe not. Either way just to make sure I am investing a portion of my OSAP into a underwater house and scuba gear, which gauging from the amount of OSAP I got will be leaky and subpar. I am hoping for radioactive waste to give me g i l l s . For further reading on "Global Warming" check out these websites: Anti Global Warming <http://www.global-warming.org/>

Explore Science Series at Science North

Water sustains all life on Earth. This year's **Explore Science Speaker Series** will go beneath the surface to discover how water affects our lives, and to teach us about the amazing creatures that inhabit aquatic worlds. From the open ocean to the beaver pond — and the many lakes, rivers and waterways in between — the 2007/2008 Science Speaker Series at Science North is sure to fascinate, educate and entertain!

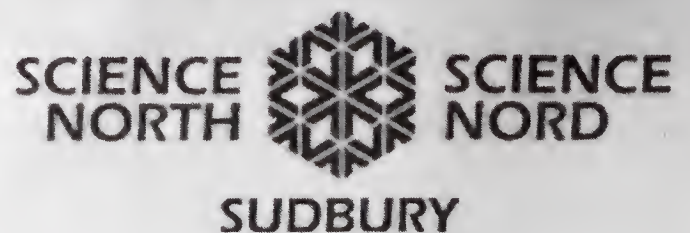
This year's speaker series is also a great complement to the special exhibit **WaterWorks: Soak Up The Science**, opening March 1, 2008 in Science North's Special Exhibits Hall.

Sperm Whale Society & Culture
Dr. Hal Whitehead
Thursday, October 25, 2007
7:30 p.m.

Dr. Hal Whitehead cruises the oceans to study sperm whales for the University of Dalhousie in Halifax. Step aboard, as Dr. Whitehead tells a seafaring tale about his fascinating work, which takes him around the globe — from the Indian Ocean to the North Atlantic, South Pacific, and to the waters off the Galápagos Islands — in search of this great predator of the open ocean.

The Beaver Pond: Oasis of Life
Michael Runtz
Thursday, November 22, 2007
7:30 p.m.

Beavers are one of the most famous of Canadian animals, and they create amazing habitats — beaver ponds — which a myriad of species depend on. An award-winning professor of Natural History at Carleton University, author, photographer, and naturalist, Michael Runtz has spent countless hours in beaver ponds while preparing his upcoming book. Many of his photographs will be featured in the presentation as we explore the lives of beavers



and the dynamic nature of their ponds.

Oceans' Harvest
Joshua Laughren, World Wildlife Fund
Thursday, February 28, 2008
7:30 p.m.

Fish from our oceans provide the main source of protein for more than 1 billion people. Commercial and recreational fishing contributes significantly to the global economy. Unfortunately, some fishing practices are also a major threat to the health of our oceans. Joshua Laughren served as the Marine Conservation Director for WWF- Canada for a decade, and is now the Director of Communications. While he is a biologist, he can now be found working with websites more often than whales, but his passion remains with Canada's oceans and coasts.

Climate Change & Our Lakes
Dr. David Pearson
Thursday, March 27, 2008
7:30 p.m.

The effects of climate change are not limited to the Earth's poles — they affect Northern Ontario as well. A warmer climate has wide-ranging impact on water quantity, quality, and stream flow, which also impacts wildlife and humans directly. Dr. David Pearson, Science North's Science Director, is Co-Chair of Ontario's Expert Panel on Climate Change Adaptation and one of Canada's foremost science communicators. A Professor of Earth Sciences at Laurentian University, and host of the CTV series *Down*

to Earth, Dr. Pearson will share his insight on what is the most important environmental issue of our time, and how Northern Ontario fits into the puzzle.

The Bruce Peninsula - Ecology Influenced by Great Lakes
Ethan Meleg, Parks Canada
Thursday, April 24, 2008
7:30 p.m.

The Bruce Peninsula is a 100 km long stretch of land, shaped by the Niagara Escarpment and nestled in the heart of the Great Lakes. Home to Bruce Peninsula National Park and Fathom Five National Marine Park, where Ethan Meleg is the Outreach Coordinator, the upper Bruce is an ecological gem — the last large wilderness area of Southern Ontario and the core protected part of the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Reserve. Through his glorious photographs, Meleg will lead you on a journey of discovery into the Bruce where he's worked as a naturalist and an environmental educator for nearly a decade.

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Nobel Prize Winners Part II - Chemistry, Literature and more

Josh Buck
Science and Tech Editor
with information from
<http://nobelprize.org/index.html>

Here are the last four winners in the Nobel Prizes this year. They are all interesting and I would recommend visiting the website listed below to find biographical data and the official press releases from the Nobel Foundation.

Gerhard Ertl won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry for his work in *chemical processes on solid surfaces*

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry for 2007 is awarded for groundbreaking studies in surface chemistry. This science is important for the chemical industry and can help us to understand such varied processes as why iron rusts, how fuel cells function and how the catalysts in our cars work. It was thanks to processes developed in the semiconductor industry that the modern science of surface chemistry began to emerge in the 1960s. Gerhard Ertl was one of the first to see the potential of these new tech-

niques. Step by step he has created a methodology for surface chemistry by demonstrating how different experimental procedures can be used to provide a complete picture of a surface reaction. This science requires advanced high-vacuum experimental equipment as the aim is to observe how individual layers of atoms and molecules behave on the extremely pure surface of a metal, for instance. It must therefore be possible to determine exactly which element is admitted to the system. Contamination could jeopardize all the measurements. Acquiring a complete picture of the reaction requires great precision and a combination of many different experimental techniques. Gerhard Ertl has founded an experimental school of thought by showing how reliable results can be attained in this difficult area of research. His insights have provided the scientific basis of modern surface chemistry: his methodology is used in both academic research and the industrial development of chemical processes.

Doris Lessing won the Nobel Prize in Literature she is that epicist of the female experience, who with skepticism, fire and visionary power has subjected a divided civilization to scrutiny. Doris Lessing was born on 22 October 1919 to British parents



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Doris Lessing, winner of the 2007 Nobel Prize for Literature

in Kermanshah in what was then known as Persia (now Iran) as Doris May Taylor. Her father, Alfred Cook Taylor, formerly a captain in the British army during the First World War, was a bank official. Her mother, Emily Maude Taylor, had been a nurse. In 1925 the family moved to a farm in what was then Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) hoping to improve their income. Lessing described her childhood on the farm in the first part of her autobiography, *Under My Skin* (1994). At the age of seven, she was sent to a convent boarding school but later moved to a girls' school in Salisbury. When 14 she independently ended her formal schooling. In the following years she worked as a young nanny, telephonist, office worker, stenographer and journalist and had several short stories published. In 1939 she married Frank Charles Wisdom with whom she had a son, John, and a daughter, Jean. The couple divorced in 1943. In 1945 Doris married Gottfried Lessing, a German-Jewish immigrant she had met in a Marxist

group mainly concerned with the race issue. She became involved with the Southern Rhodesian Labour Party. She and Gottfried had a son, Peter. When the couple divorced in 1949, she took Peter and moved to London, quickly establishing herself as a writer. Between 1952 and 1956 she was a member of the British Communist Party and was active in the campaign against nuclear weapons. Because of her criticism of the South African regime, she was prohibited entry to that country between 1956 and 1995. After a brief visit to Southern Rhodesia in 1956, she was banned there as well for the same reason. In *African Laughter: Four Visits to Zimbabwe* (1992) she described going back in 1982 to the country where she had grown up. She now lives in London. She has written well over 50 books in English, French and Swedish. She has been awarded scores of international awards for her literary pieces.

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The greenest part of bio fuels is the marketing

Pollution and carbon dioxide just as much of a problem with biofuels

Nadya Bell
CUP Ottawa Bureau Chief

OTTAWA (CUP) -- Topia Green Stop gas station in Ottawa sells fairly traded crafts from Guatemala and organic sandwiches next to the windshield wiper fluid and ice scrapers.

A bank of glossy green pamphlets -- "Ethanol - the American Fuel" and "Biodiesel and you" -- extol the virtues of the plant-based fuels they sell outside.

Supporters of alternative fuels say everyone should run fuel made from plant material, either the alcohol-based ethanol that runs in gasoline engines, or oil-based biodiesel in a diesel engine.

On the surface these fuels seem like environmentally friendly alternatives to gasoline that will let everyone keep driving their cars, but the reality is much dirtier.

Recent research has found that biofuels have worse pollutant emissions than regular gas or diesel, and their carbon dioxide emissions are not initially lower. The economic implications of using corn or food products to create fuel are only beginning to be felt.

Scientists at the National Research Council in Ottawa

have been testing biodiesel in a big backhoe diesel engine. They have found corn or soybean biofuels have more toxic nitrous oxide emissions than regular diesel. As for solid particles -- the black stuff belching out of the old diesel trucks -- biodiesel has slightly better or the same emissions.

Most cars today are running about a hundred times cleaner than they did 20 years ago. Soot emissions are greatly reduced and emission control systems like catalytic converters take out a number of other toxic chemicals. So car exhaust is pretty clean already, but the green fuels are slightly worse for chemical emissions than regular fuels.

Carbon dioxide, or CO₂, emissions are widely believed to be a contributor towards global warming. As far as CO₂ is concerned, there is no immediate advantage in burning a biofuel over gasoline. Any combustion engine will produce carbon dioxide -- that's just the nature of fire.

Plants remove CO₂ from the atmosphere when they grow, and so burning fuel from a natural source is only returning that much CO₂ into the air. But this analysis ignores the energy used in making biofuel. Energy intensive processes for making biodiesel or ethanol need to get their power from somewhere, and a strain on energy sources --

often producers of CO₂ themselves -- won't put us any further ahead in fixing the planet.

of parts per million.

The average diesel engine



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There is no perfect solution with our current technology. Greg Smallwood, an emissions specialist at the National Research Council, says the best answer for driving a combustion engine today is running a properly tuned diesel engine.

Diesels use a third of the fuel that a gasoline engine needs. With less fuel burned you have less emissions -- of all varieties. Smallwood is working with a specially designed diesel engine that runs at low temperatures and can be so finely tuned that its pollution emissions can be only measured in the trillions

will run on straight waste vegetable oil in warm climates. For a little extra work you can build a home reactor to make pure biofuel. All you need is an old hot water boiler and a few pumps. This makes a fuel that is liquid at lower temperatures and has fewer impurities. Still, with a do-it-yourself fuel it is much harder to keep the engine burning cleanly. The hippie bus may be running for free, but chances are they won't pass an emissions test.

Biofuels don't offer a clear or clean solution to pollution or CO₂ emissions. Even more concerning is the effects that are

already being felt on world markets from the increased demand for corn to make ethanol.

The price of corn around the world has doubled since last year as a result of increased demand in the U.S. for ethanol production. In Mexico a rise in price of the staple food -- and main ingredient in tortillas -- has led to food riots this year. People who drive cars can afford to pay a higher price to make fuel out of the same products that are feeding the world's poor.

Farmers will naturally react to these higher prices by planting more, but even if they can fully satisfy the demand, much of the increased production will come from planting in virgin forest. The rain forest plays a huge role in removing CO₂ from the atmosphere and destroying it to plant "green fuels" is more harmful in the long run.

Scrounging for waste fryer fat from McDonald's is not a solution for the whole society of car drivers -- there isn't enough grease in all the fast food joints of North America.

The green packaging and organic nut bars may be a good way to sell plant-based fuels, but when it comes down to it, biofuels are only a feel-good alternative. Perfectly clean transport can't be done with a combustion engine.

2007 Nobel Prize Winners - cont. from page 8

The Nobel Prize in Economics was awarded jointly to Leonid Hurwicz, Eric S. Maskin and Roger B. Myerson for *having laid the foundations of mechanism design theory*. Adam Smith's classical metaphor of the invisible hand refers to how the market, under ideal conditions, ensures an efficient allocation of scarce resources. But in practice conditions are usually not ideal; for example, competition is not completely free, consumers are not perfectly informed and privately desirable production and consumption may generate social costs and benefits. Furthermore, many transactions do not take place in open markets but within firms, in bargaining between individuals or interest groups and under a host of other institutional arrangements. How well do different such institutions, or allocation mechanisms, perform? What is the optimal mechanism to reach a certain goal, such as social welfare or private profit? Is government regulation called for, and if so, how is it best designed?

These questions are difficult, particularly since information about individual preferences and available production technologies is usually dispersed among many actors who may use their private information to further their own interests. Mechanism design theory, initiated by Leonid Hurwicz and further developed by Eric Maskin and Roger Myerson, has greatly enhanced our understanding of the properties of optimal allocation

mechanisms in such situations, accounting for individuals' incentives and private information. The theory allows us to distinguish situations in which markets work well from those in which they do not. It has helped economists identify efficient trading mechanisms, regulation schemes and voting procedures. Today, mechanism design theory plays a central role in many areas of economics and parts of political science.

The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Albert Arnold (Al) Gore Jr. for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change.

Indications of changes in the earth's future climate must be treated with the utmost seriousness, and with the precautionary principle uppermost in our minds. Extensive climate changes may alter and threaten the living conditions of much of mankind. They may induce large-scale migration and lead to greater competition for the earth's resources. Such changes will place particularly heavy burdens on the world's most vulnerable countries. There may be increased danger of violent conflicts and wars, within and between states.

Through the scientific reports it has issued over the past two decades, the IPCC has created an ever-broader informed

consensus about the connection between human activities and global warming. Thousands of scientists and officials from over one hundred countries have collaborated to achieve greater certainty as to the scale of the warming. Whereas in the 1980s global warming seemed to be merely an interesting hypothesis, the 1990s produced firmer evidence in its support. In the last few years, the connections have become even clearer and the consequences still more apparent.

Al Gore has for a long time been one of the world's leading environmentalist politicians. He became aware at an early stage of the climatic challenges the world is facing. His strong commitment, reflected in political activity, lectures, films and books, has strengthened the struggle against climate change. He is probably the single individual who has done most to create greater worldwide understanding of the measures that need to be adopted.

By awarding the Nobel Peace Prize for 2007 to the IPCC and Al Gore, the Norwegian Nobel Committee is seeking to contribute to a sharper focus on the processes and decisions that appear to be necessary to protect the world's future climate, and thereby to reduce the threat to the security of mankind.

This information was obtained from the Nobel Prize press releases and for further information visit <http://nobel-prize.org/index.html>

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Laurentian steam rolls over Nipissing in clutch performance

NORTH BAY, ONT- With only a few games left in the season and just one spot out of a playoff position, Laurentian brought their "A" game to Wednesday nights match. Laurentian scored two great goals early in the second half to take the game 2-0. Andre Gomes (Woodbridge, ON), had another great game in net notching his third shutout victory. Andrew Posteraro (Sault Ste. Marie, ON) led the offensive attack for the Voyageurs with one goal and a helper on the other.

Laurentian entered the game looking to move up in the stand-

ings while Nipissing was looking for a tie or win to solidify their playoff birth. Laurentian came out very energized trying to generate some quality scoring chances to gain the early lead. Nipissing tightened up defensively, leaving Laurentian with only a few shots and held Laurentian scoreless after the first half. Gomes was fairly inactive in goal as Laurentian controlled most of the tempo up field and allowed zero shots. The game went into the first half, tied 0-0.

Laurentian continued their strong offensive push in the second half, however, this time

Laurentian was just too much for Nipissing to handle. A great pass from Posteraro led to the first goal by Daniel Keir (Hamilton, ON). With a 1-0 lead, Laurentian kept the pressure on and notched another tally, this time by Posteraro who was making his positional debut at striker. Laurentian's strong all around play left Nipissing with no shots, let alone any good scoring opportunities. Laurentian won this game convincingly, 2-0

"The guys played a very solid 90 minutes today, defensively and offensively," said head coach, Carlo Castrechino. "We

really stepped up our game when we needed to and hopefully we can continue to do so."

The Voyageurs finish off the regular season at 2:00 P.M. this Saturday home against Trent. Laurentian jumped 2 spots on Wednesday and currently sits fifth in the conference and could lock up a playoff spot with a win against Trent or a Ryerson loss.

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Laurentian Athletics Sports
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VS.



Lady Vees leap frog RMC with win at Nipissing

NORTH BAY, ONT- The Laurentian Lady Vees travelled to Nipissing University Wednesday to play an evening affair against the Laker's. Laurentian won the game with a scoring outburst in the second half to put them in sole position of the final playoff position with only one game left in the season. Rookie, Corinne Kandravv (Longveil, QC), scored the game winner, while Cait Kelley (Peterborough, ON), chipped in with her fifth goal of the season.

The game started out with a lot of tension as this game was a must win for both teams who were both trying to make a push for the playoffs. Neither team

was willing to give up any space, which resulted in a roughly non-offensive first half. Laurentian's defense looked particularly solid and the team was winning many battles in the middle of the field. The first half ended with no score.

The second half started out much different from the first half. Both teams were in need of a win and could not settle for a one-point tie, especially Nipissing, as this would still leave them behind Laurentian and RMC in the standings. As Nipissing began to emphasize a strong offense, Laurentian was able to capitalize on their defensive miscues leading to the first goal of the game by

Kelly on a beautiful left foot strike. Soon after Laurentian answered again, this time by Kandravv who scored her first of the season at a very crucial time. With Nipissing's season on the line, they poured on the pressure late and were able to get within one goal as they narrowed the gap to a 2-1 lead for Laurentian. Despite their effort, the game ended that way, handing Laurentian their second win of the season. However, Laurentian's most prolific scorer, Kelly, was injured late in the game. The extent of her injury is unknown presently.

"We played a very solid game defensively and won a lot

of balls in the middle of the field," said coach Gallo. "We also scored some goals today; something we've had trouble with over the season."

The Lady Vees close out the regular season Saturday as they play host to Trent at 12:00 P.M. Everyone will be watching the scoreboard to view the results of RMC's games as a possible playoff birth may be in the near future.

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VOYAGEUR GOLF 5TH AT LAURIER

WATERLOO, Ont. - This past weekend, the Laurentian Voyageurs men's golf team travelled to Waterloo to compete in the Laurier Invitational held at the Grey Silo Golf Club. The team battled all afternoon and showed much improvement over previous tournaments, finishing in a tie for fifth place, shooting a combined 306. The low score of the day for the team was a 73, shot by second year combatant John Atherton (Toronto).

Hoping to get off to an excellent start, Voyageur team member Brian Caesar (Lively, Ont.) was first to tee-off. Unlike previous tournaments where Caesar excelled going first, he struggled this day towards an opening round 85. Following in Brian's footsteps were Max Kallio (Lively, Ont.) shooting a 77, Yves Fraser (Sudbury, Ont.) 82, and Matt Burtolotto (Sudbury, Ont.) shooting a 74.

Winning the tournament was the host team from Laurier University. The team shot a combined 294, and were led by Steve Tsandelis who shot the tournament low round of 69.

Next up for the Voyageurs is the OUA's at Royal Ottawa Golf Club. Practice rounds are set for Sunday the 14th, while rounds one and two are on Monday and Tuesday.

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Athletes of the Week week of October 7th

FOR WEEK ENDING
OCTOBER 14th, 2007
SUDBURY, Ont.

Laurentian University Athletics is proud to announce Andre Gomes and Cara Smith of the Men's and Women's Soccer teams as "The Keg Steakhouse and Bar Athlete of the Week" for the week ending October 14th, 2007.

Rookie keeper Andre Gomes, (Woodbridge, Ont.) started both games this past weekend, while only yielding two goals. Though the Voyageurs lost both games 1-0, Gomes was a rock in the cage making nine important saves. Gomes continually kept the squad in both games, giving the rest of the team chances to score an equalizer.

"He played great both games," said head coach Carlo Castrechino. "Unfortunately for him, as well as the rest of the team, we couldn't score."

Gomes is an Arts major at Laurentian, and has been the Voyageurs starting keeper for most of the campaign. On the season, Gomes has three wins and two clean sheets.

Cara Smith is a fourth year Radiation Therapy major from Sudbury, Ont. She is one of the Lady Vees soccer team captains and a leader for both veterans and rookies. She competed in both games this past weekend,

and helped the Vees pick up two important points in the push for the playoffs. Laurentian tied both games 0-0.

"She tackled hard and created numerous opportunities for the rest of the squad," said head coach Rob Gallo. "She was a force in both games."

Since her move to centre midfield, Smith has been a constant offensive threat to the opposition. She routinely draws double and triple teams and leads the team in drawing fouls. Smith has played in 13 games this season and is always reliable at both ends of the pitch.

Both players return to action later this week when Laurentian travels to North Bay, Ont. to take on their Northern Rival, the Nipissing Lakers on Wednesday afternoon. Both teams will be looking to pick up much needed victories and propel themselves into the playoffs.

Stay tuned to www.luvoyageurs.com for up-to-date news, views and scores.

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The Ultimate Snow Frisbee

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The Intramural Sports Program has officially begun for the 2007/2008 school year. We are excited to introduce a new non-competitive tournament this year, Snow Ultimate Frisbee! The tournament will take place on Saturday and Sunday January 12, 13 2008 between 9:00am and 4:00pm. Registration for this event is approaching quickly and will be held the week of November 12 to 16, 2007 in the Department of Active Living between 9:00am and 4:00pm. A compulsory captains meeting will be held soon after that on Tuesday November 20, 2007 at 4:30 pm.

There is limited spaces as only eight teams are invited to participate. The cost is \$20.00 per team. Teams should have a minimum of 7 players. The tournament is COED, so remember that two females need to be on the playing surface at all times. It will be a round robin set-up with playoffs to finish. A complimentary pizza lunch on Saturday January 12, 2007 will be held in the Ken Bahnuk Lounge. Prizes will also be awarded throughout the tournament.

Registration is coming up, so get your teams together and freshen up your Frisbee skills!

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STAR PARTY

SPECIAL CELESTIAL EVENT

Location: Canadian
Tire Parking Lot,
Lasalle

Date: October 27th
Time: 7:30PM



There shall be an event known as a lunar occultation to occur on this evening in a well known spot in the sky, the Pleiades. We will be here with our equipment (mainly binoculars and telescopes), sky maps. Everyone of every age is welcome.

If you have binoculars, bring them and view this event with us as we will have charts made out for all to map the route of the moon in the sky. This event will continue as long as weather allows.

<http://www.sudburyastronomyclub.com>

Halloween Party!

Too old for trick or treating? Don't want to go off campus? Want to still dress up and party with all your friends on campus this Halloween? Then we have the party for you!

The SGA and SPAD would like to invite you to the **2007 Halloween Bash**. The party will be held on Wednesday, October 31st, in the Great Hall. This is an all ages event with a licensed area for those who are 19+. (Proof of Age Required!)

The doors will open at 9 p.m. and the bash will rock all night long.

Tickets are now on sale at the SGA and SPAD office (F-330A), and look for reps in your residence. Tickets are \$5 in advanced or \$7 at the door (\$5 + canned food items).

Prizes for Best Costume, Best Group Costume, Most Creative and many more. Get working on your costumes now because the big day is not that far away!



This October 31st,

Take a Bite out of Hunger with Meal Exchange's Trick or Eat!

Only one night a year do households expect their dinner hour to be interrupted in order to distribute free and edible items to all who ask. Trick or Eat puts a new spin on Hallowe'en as costumed youth canvass their neighborhoods collecting food for local social service agencies.

Did you know that 2.4 million Canadians are suffering from hunger?

If you are interested in participating in this year's Trick or Eat campaign, head to the Student Centre at 5.30 on the 31st! The bus leaves at 6.

Wear warm clothes!

For everyone who can't participate in collecting, keep a bag of food at the door for our collection teams!

Most needed food items include:

Pasta products & sauce, rice, canned meats & fish, peanut butter, breakfast cereal, canned vegetables, fruits and legumes, dry & canned soups, fruit juices, canned/powdered milk & baby food.



STC Adult Acting Workshops

The Sudbury Theatre Centre is pleased to welcome professional actor Ralph Small as workshop leader for the Adult Acting Series at the Sudbury Theatre Centre.

The Sunday evening series runs November 11, 18 and 25th from 6 to 9 pm. It has been designed for adults aged 18 years of age and over who have little stage experience and who wish to add to their skill level.

Ralph has an extensive list of credits as an actor, director, writer and teacher, with over 30 years of professional experience.

As an actor, he has played in theatres all across the country including The Grand ('Kris Kringle' in Miracle On 34th Street), Theatre Aquarius

(Colours In The Storm), Charlottetown Festival (Anne Of Green Gables & The Shooting Of Dan McGrew), National Arts Centre (Thin Ice), Theatre New Brunswick (Wild Guys), Vancouver Playhouse & US tour (Durante) and many more.

Ralph originated the role of 'Andy' in the world premiere of Norm Foster's Looking at the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, a role he recently reprised for Theatre Aquarius in Hamilton.

His musical, Whiskey Serenade, written with Mitchell Kitz, premiered at The Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts Studio Theatre in November 2002.

He has also workshoped, acted in, and/or directed dozens

of new plays and musicals with companies such as Tarragon Theatre, Buddies in Bad Times/Shaw Festival, Roseneath, Platform 9, and most recently for The Canadian Musical Theatre Festival at The Papermill Theatre in Toronto, where he directed Hot Dog (The Musical).

Also to his credit are many film, television and commercial appearances.

He is on leave from the faculty at both The University of Toronto at Mississauga and the music/theatre program at the Sheridan Institute for Advanced Learning and Technology. For Theatre Erindale, he has directed Love's Fire, Jane Eyre, and most recently, Radium Girls. Other directing credits include The Secret Garden (Theatre

Orangeville), The Affections of May and Maggie's Getting Married.

As a long time adjudicator and member of Theatre Ontario's Talent Bank, he has directed shows and conducted workshops for schools and community theatres all across Ontario.

Ralph is currently on faculty in the Theatre Arts Program at Thorneloe University at Laurentian.

Cost for the three-class package is \$60.00 for subscribers and \$70.00 for non-subscribers.

Space is limited.

Call the Sudbury Theatre Centre Box Office at 674-8381 ext. 21 to register.

THE WINNER OF THE VOLUNTEERS DRAW FOR A \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR INDEPENDENT GROCERS IS STUDENT DAN OUYANG.

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Ten Thousand Villages International Handcrafts Sale

Saturday, November 3rd, 9am-3pm
Kinsman Hall (Library Building) Lively

Info at 692-7655.

This sale features fairly-traded craft work from around the world. All proceeds go to support the artisans and their families. Presented by Waters Mennonite and Trinity United Churches

Sudbury's First Water Gathering

Water: it's in our hands - An Evening to share, learn and discover the importance of our water

Thursday, November 1st, 2007

Science North, INCO Cavern 6:30 pm-9:00 pm

Sudbury's First Water Gathering will take place on November 1st 2007 at Science North in the Inco Cavern from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This event will be an opportunity for citizens to learn, share and discover the importance of our water. Key local water groups will present their highlights from various community projects. The event is free and open to all members of the public and is presented in partnership with the City of Greater Sudbury's Lake Water Quality Program, the Nickel District Conservation Authority (NDCA) Source Water Protection Program, Cooperative Fresh Water Ecology Unit, Sudbury Children's Water Festival and the Junction Creek Stewardship Committee.

There will also be a screening of the movie Alphabet Soup by Ian Connacher which chronicles the astonishing amount of plastics in the world's oceans as well as a water dialogue featuring local water advocates. The public will also have a chance to win water friendly door prizes including a rain barrel (\$150 value) donated by A & J Home Hardware. This event is free of charge and open to all members of the community.

For more information contact Nathalie at (705) 674-5249 or Nathalie.Gara-Boivin@greatersudbury.ca

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